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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Factory orders for manufactured durable and nondurable goods rose 1.7 percent in January. By category, new orders for durable goods—powered by a 14.7 percent rise in transportation goods—rose 3.6 percent, while new orders for nondurable goods fell 0.8 percent. The value of total factory orders are up 3.9 percent from a year earlier.*
- *Initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits totaled 286,000 for the week ending Feb. 27, their lowest since the week ending July 26, 1997.*
- *Sales of new single-family homes were at an annual rate of 918,000 units in January, a 5 percent drop from December's pace and 8.4 percent below the all-time high registered in November 1998.*
- *Paced by strong gains in stock prices and factory orders for nondefense capital goods, January's index of leading economic indicators rose 0.5 percent.*
- *After rising at a 4.1 percent annual rate over the last three months of 1998, real personal consumption expenditures (PCE) rose at a 1.1 percent rate in January. Measured from a year earlier, real PCE is up 4.7 percent.*
- *Measured in inflation-adjusted terms, total construction spending rose 1.8 percent in January. The value of construction spending in the private sector advanced much less, however, 0.6 percent, reflecting a sharp 6.2 percent rise in public construction spending.*

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series includes Federal Reserve deposits used to satisfy clearing balance contracts. Data are computed by this bank. A detailed description of the adjusted monetary base is available from this bank. Recent data are preliminary.

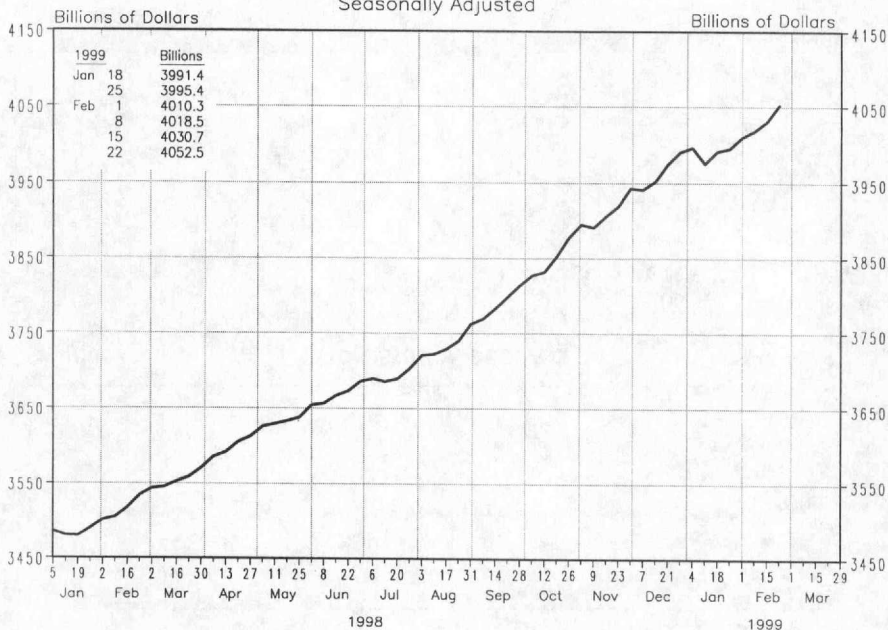
Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:							
	2/25/98	5/20/98	7/29/98	8/26/98	9/23/98	10/21/98	11/18/98	12/30/98
7/29/98	3.7							
8/26/98	4.9	6.9						
9/23/98	5.4	7.2	10.3					
10/21/98	6.3	8.4	11.4	11.1				
11/18/98	6.7	8.6	10.9	10.6	11.6			
12/30/98	6.5	8.0	9.4	8.9	9.0	7.1		
1/27/99	7.4	9.0	10.6	10.3	10.7	9.9	10.1	
2/24/99	7.6	9.1	10.6	10.4	10.7	10.1	10.3	13.9

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Money Zero Maturity (MZM)

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



MZM is M2 (seasonally adjusted) minus total small denomination time deposits (seasonally adjusted), plus institutional money funds (seasonally adjusted), which are included in the non-M2 component of M3.

Money Zero Maturity (MZM)

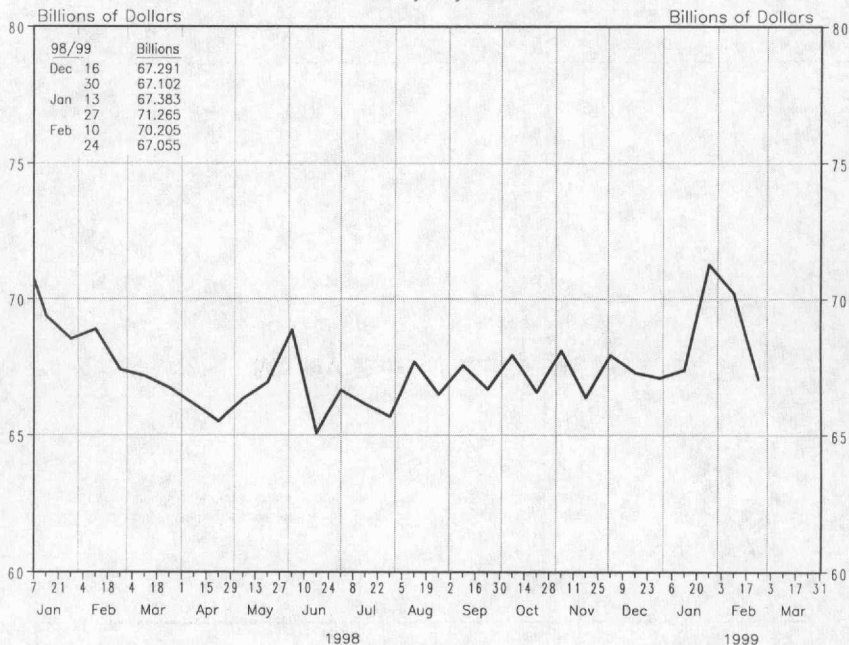
To the average
of four weeks
ending:

Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
	2/23/98	5/25/98	7/20/98	8/24/98	9/21/98	10/19/98	11/23/98	12/21/98
7/20/98	12.6							
8/24/98	12.5	11.1						
9/21/98	13.4	12.9	15.1					
10/19/98	14.1	14.2	16.5	19.5				
11/23/98	15.0	15.5	17.8	20.1	20.6			
12/21/98	15.3	15.8	17.8	19.6	19.8	19.7		
1/25/99	14.7	15.0	16.4	17.4	17.0	16.2	13.6	
2/22/99	14.6	14.8	16.0	16.7	16.3	15.5	13.5	11.5

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Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



Adjusted reserves is the difference between the adjusted monetary base and the currency component of M1.

Adjusted Reserves

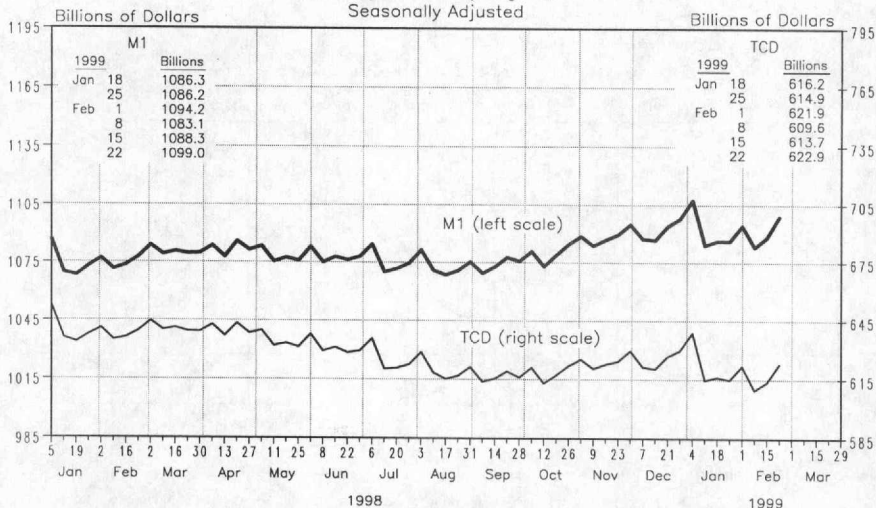
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	2/25/98	5/20/98	7/29/98	8/26/98	9/23/98	10/21/98	11/18/98	12/30/98	
7/29/98	-7.6								
8/26/98	-3.0	2.6							
9/23/98	-2.6	2.1	12.8						
10/21/98	-2.0	2.2	9.3	1.6					
11/18/98	-1.8	1.8	6.8	0.9	1.1				
12/30/98	-1.6	1.3	4.7	0.4	0.4	-0.5			
1/27/99	1.9	5.9	10.7	8.0	9.7	11.9	17.2		
2/24/99	0.7	3.9	7.3	4.6	5.4	6.0	7.9	14.7	

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Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

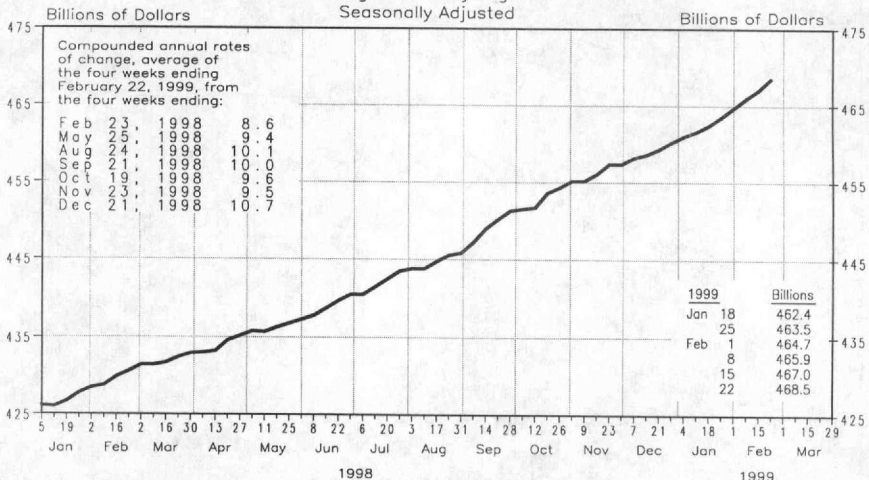
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, total checkable deposits and travelers checks.
Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

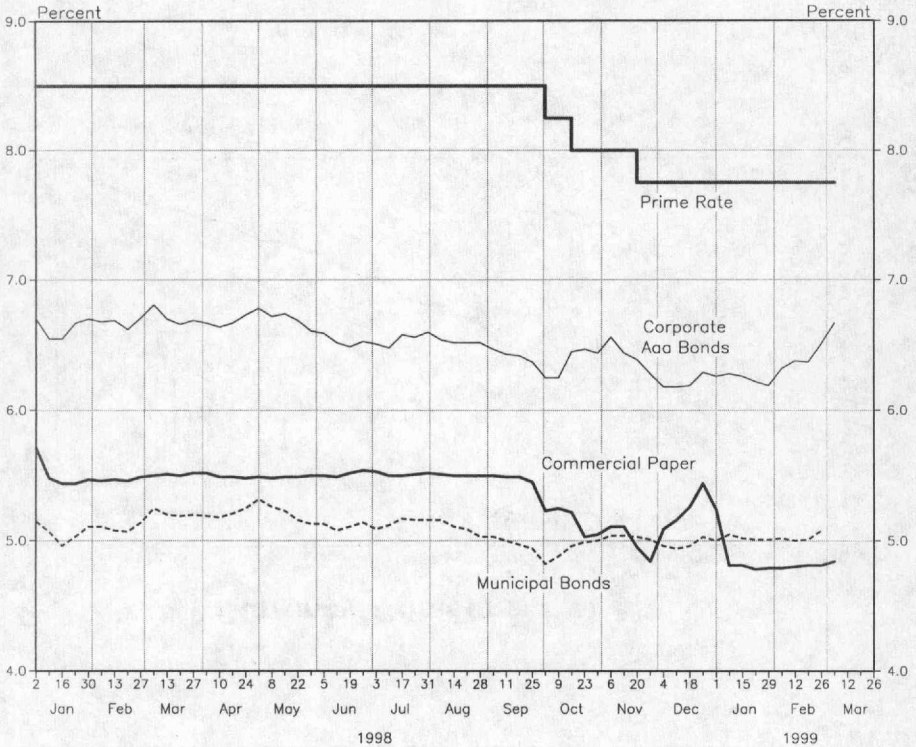


Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1998/99	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Dec 11	5.16	5.13	5.07	6.18	7.19	4.94
18	5.26	5.14	5.04	6.19	7.21	4.96
25	5.44	5.18	5.07	6.29	7.30	5.03
Jan 1	5.24	5.09	5.14	6.26	7.27	5.00
8	4.81	4.93	4.85	6.28	7.34	5.05
15	4.81	4.91	4.80	6.26	7.30	5.02
22	4.78	4.87	4.76	6.22	7.27	5.01
29	4.79	4.86	4.78	6.19	7.24	5.01
Feb 5	4.79	4.88	4.78	6.32	7.34	5.02
12	4.80	4.90	4.79	6.38	7.37	5.00
19	4.81	4.91	4.78	6.37	7.38	5.01
26	4.81	4.92	4.81	6.51	7.47	5.08
Mar 5	4.84	4.94	4.82	6.67	7.60	N.A.

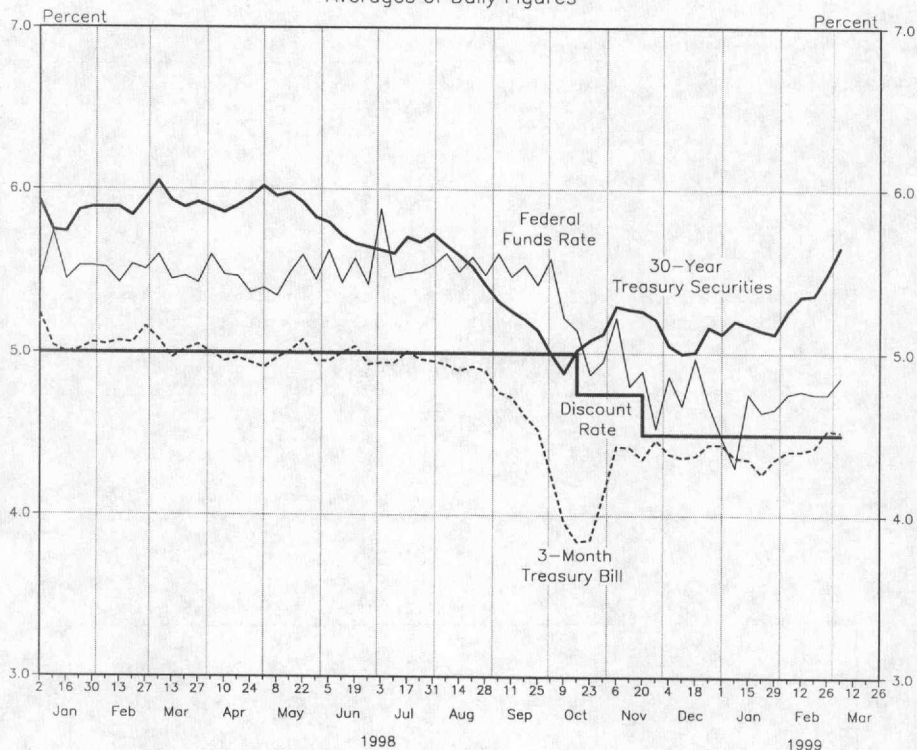
Current data are from the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on March 5, 1999. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data, which is currently available only back to the first of the year.

** Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

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Selected Interest Rates

Averages of Daily Figures



1998/99	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Dec 11	4.68	4.36	4.31	4.39	4.60	5.00
18	4.97	4.37	4.27	4.36	4.59	5.01
25	4.69	4.44	4.41	4.59	4.75	5.16
Jan 1	4.48	4.44	4.38	4.59	4.70	5.12
8	4.30	4.36	4.35	4.63	4.76	5.20
15	4.75	4.35	4.30	4.61	4.75	5.17
22	4.64	4.26	4.29	4.60	4.70	5.14
29	4.66	4.35	4.30	4.56	4.67	5.12
Feb 5	4.75	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.84	5.26
12	4.77	4.40	4.45	4.84	4.95	5.35
19	4.75	4.42	4.49	4.96	5.03	5.36
26	4.75	4.53	4.58	5.11	5.18	5.49
Mar 5 *	4.85	4.52	4.61	5.28	5.36	5.65

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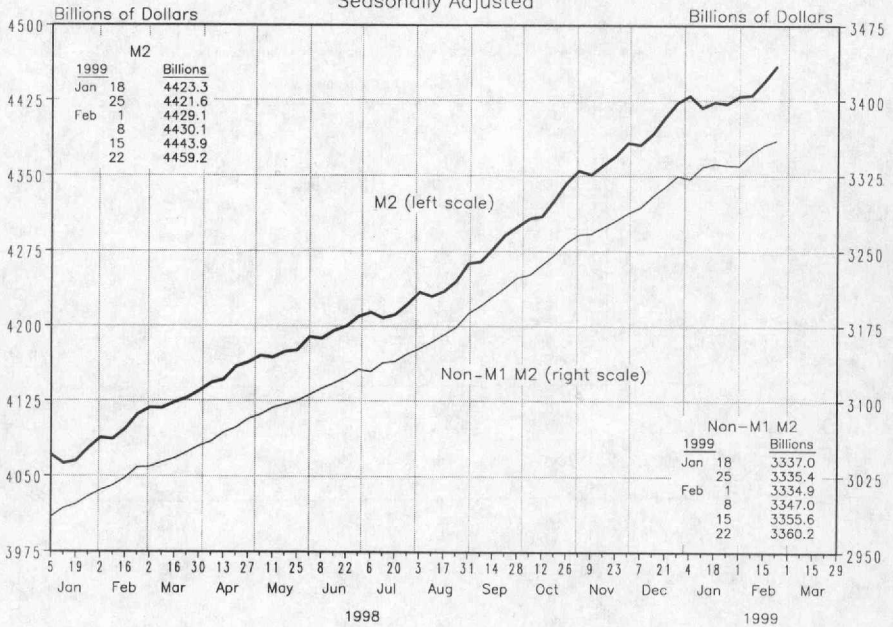
* Averages of rates available

** Seven-day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

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Money Stock(M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



M2 is the sum of M1, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and retail money funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

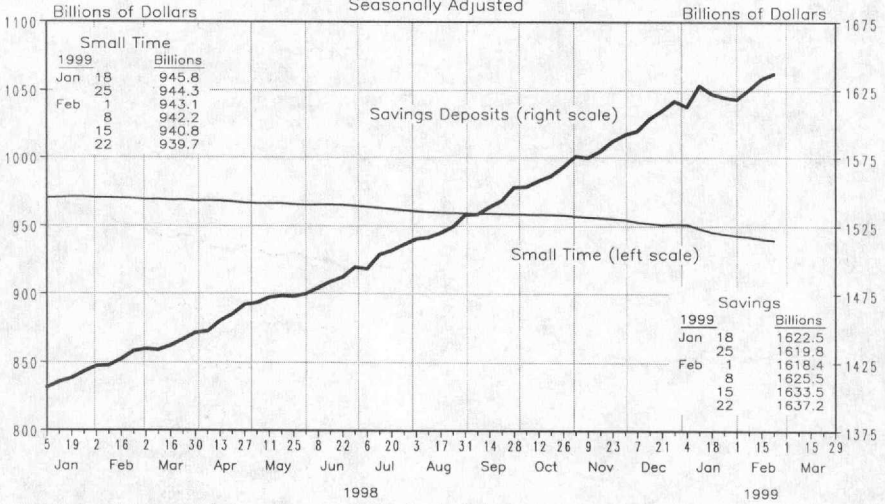
Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

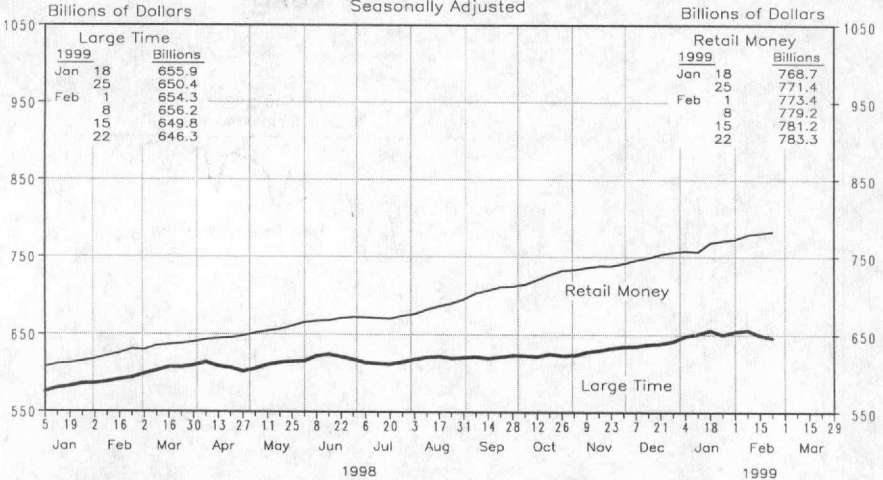
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

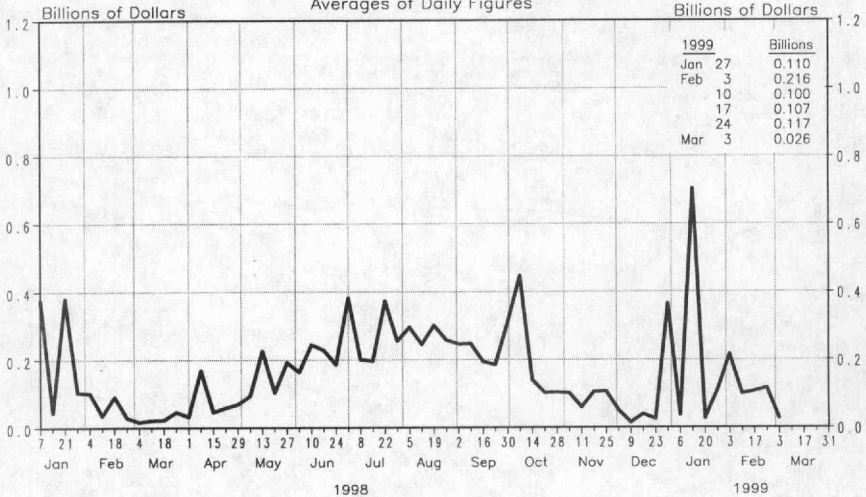


Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

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Total Borrowings

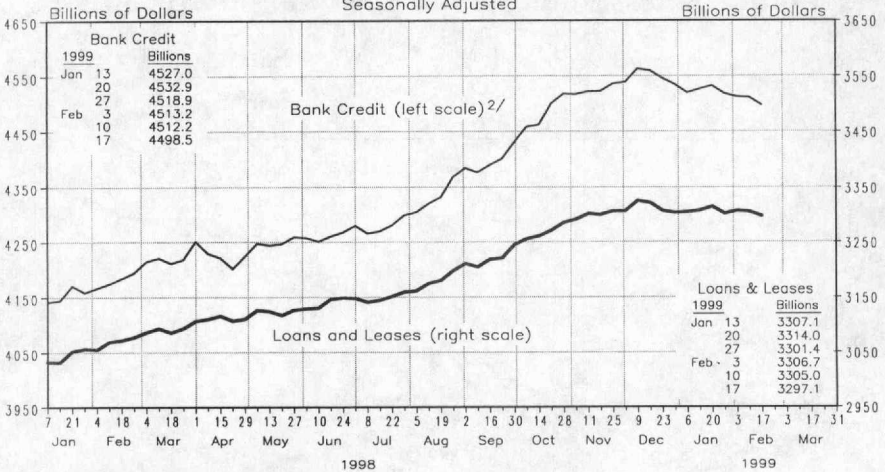
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Averages of Daily Figures



Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States ^{1/}
Seasonally Adjusted



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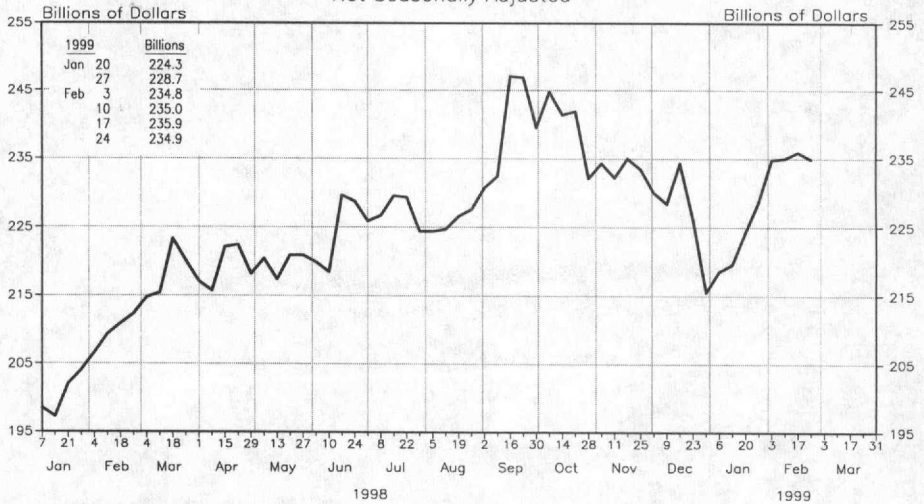
^{1/} includes foreign-related institutions

^{2/} includes loans and leases and securities

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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

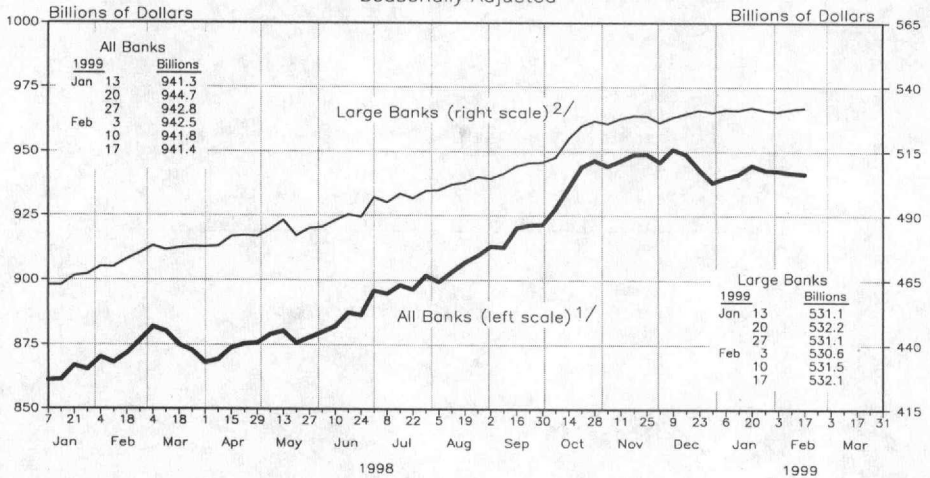
Not Seasonally Adjusted



Note: Beginning September 2, 1997, the value of commercial paper outstanding uses new source data. See the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release for more information.

Commercial and Industrial Loans

Seasonally Adjusted



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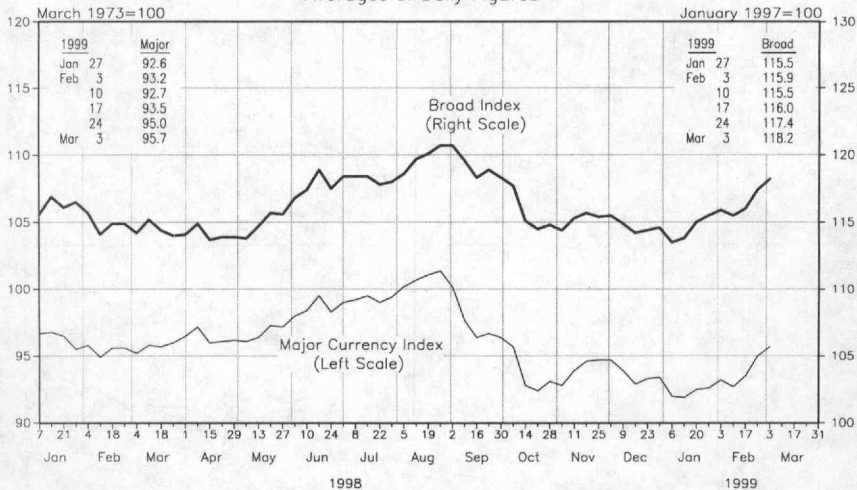
1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

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Trade-Weighted Exchange Rate Indexes

Averages of Daily Figures



The major currency index (MCI) is comprised of 7 currencies. The broad index is comprised of the major currency index plus 19 additional currencies. See the October 1998 issue of the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* for further details.

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